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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on 12/13/2006, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20, and 21, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamazaki et al. (US 2003/0201716)

Regarding claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 19, Yamazaki discloses (see figure 2b) an organic EL device including a substrate (30), a third pixel electrode (36b), a first pixel electrode (36c), and a second pixel electrode (36d). The first pixel electrode is composed of Al while both the second and third electrodes are formed of a material selected from a group including Ni. (Paragraphs 128 and 129). Further the second pixel covers the top surface of the first pixel while the first pixel covers the top surface of the third pixel. Side surfaces of all three electrodes are tapered and the above electrode further covers the side surface of the below electrode. (See figure 2b).

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Regarding claims 2, 7, 11, 17, 20 and 21, the taper of the side of the electrodes are upward towards the top of the electrodes. (See figure 2b).

Regarding claim 12, the first and second pixel electrodes are formed by the same process and shape and likewise by the same mask.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 9, 15 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 5, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 5, and specifically comprising the limitation of an organic EL device including a second pixel electrode where the second pixel electrode is constructed from ITO.

Regarding claim 9, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 9, and specifically comprising the limitation of an organic EL device including a third pixel electrode where the third pixel electrode is constructed from ITO.

Regarding claim 15, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 15, and specifically comprising the limitation of an organic EL device including a second pixel electrode where the second pixel electrode is constructed from ITO.

Regarding claim 19, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 19, and specifically comprising the limitation of the manufacture of an organic EL device including a third pixel electrode where the third pixel electrode is constructed from ITO.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matt P Hodges whose telephone number is (571) 272-2454. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM M-F.

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